A TRVE Relation of all SVCHE ENGLISHE Captaines and Lieuetenants, as haue bene slaine in the lowe Countries of Flaunders, together with those now liuing, as also of such as as are fled to the Enimie. Collected by Iohn Lingham, Clarke to Captaine William Martin Seruitore there this 8. of Iuly, 1584.

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Newes out of Flaunders.

When Menelaus the gallant King of Greece, for the recouerie of faire Hellena his wife, beſæged for ten yæres ſpace the noble town of Troy, there was nothing that did more comfort his hart in hope of victorie, then to think that he was accompaned with a ſort of wiſe & hardie Captaines, whoſe pollicie and prowes aſſured him in the ende of a fortunate conqueſt. And on the contrarie parte, there was nothing that did more embolden Prince Priamus to withſtand the force of his cruel enimies, then the valiant exploites of noble Hector, and the reſt of thoſe courragious knightes, which were on his ſide in the Cittie. But if euer Greece had cauſe to ſpred the praiſe of Achilles

and the reſidue of their renowned captaines, or hapleſſe Troy to ſound forth the due deſerts of vnfortunat Hector. Then hath Englande triple cauſe to declare the exceeding courage of her faithfull Countrimem, who (notwithſtanding the great peace and tranquillitie wherwith God hath hitherto bleſſed ẏ Land) hath ſought in forrain cuntries for their cõſcience ſake, & the glory of the Goſpell, as alſo for the ſuccor of Gods Saints, to ſpend their deareſt bloud for defence of the ſame, and therby to become ẏ more profitable to their Prince in time of nede and neceſſitie: whoſe dedes doth manifeſt their manhoode, to their immortall praiſe & endleſſe glorie, giuing thereby iuſt occaſion of their worthie commendation vnto all poſterities. And becauſe their hardie ſeruice and painefull trauell in the lowe Countrie of Flaunders, all the time of theſe daungerous warres maye bee knowne among you, I haue thought it good to declare the names as well of thoſe Captaines that be alrea-

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die slaine, as of suche which yet bee liuing, with the number of those whiche vnfaithfully are fled to the enimie, to their euerlasting shame and eternall reproch for euer.

First therfore of the number of those notable and worthy Captaines which yet are liuing, the right hardye & valiaunt Gentleman M. Norrice is chefe whiche at this present is Generall of the Englishe Armie, whose renowned dedes is by fame sounded through the whole World, and whose presence procureth the enimies payne, of whom they stande so much in dread, that his onely sighte causeth them to shake, yea if they may knowe or perceyue that hee is in place, then doe they seeke by all meanes possible to escape the furye of his fiste, for rather then they will come vnder his clawes, they will desperatly drowne or slea themselues, suche rough reuenge dooth hee take on all his foes, and accursed enimies. So that there is fewe or none that dare approch his presence being in battell,

Captains liuing.

in so much that in Flaunders he beares the palme of praise from all the rest.

Nexte vnto him is our Coronall Morgan, whose couragious stomacke and prudent pollicie, hath had sufficient triall in Flaunders, where he hath fought many a cruell battayle, and scaped manie a harde brunte, to the honour of his Countrie, and his owne eternall glorie.

After him is Coronall North, who also amongst the spitefull Spanyardes hath giuen many a bloodie blow, shewing himselfe at all times a right hardy and valiaunt Captaine, inforcing his enimies to flie before him for feare of death and daunger.

Captaine Willyams also hath not shrunke to shewe himselfe at all times to the vtter dismaying of those whiche came against him, casting them to the ground, and scatering them before him like chaffe against the wind.

There is moreouer that gallaunt Captaine M. Edward Yorke, whose seruice since his comming hath got no small

small credite: and also that woorthie man Captaine Cromwell, who hath with swoorde and shield cut in peeces so many thousand Spanyards.

Then there is an other Nonice, bearing as braue a minde as the best, and being as curteous to his frends, as terrible to his foes.

Captaine Wilson also for his good seruice is sufficiently knowen to the enimie, whose bloody strokes hath put them so manie a hard brunt.

And amongst all other, M. Captaine Martin shall neuer bee forgotten, for that his manhode and might hath not seldome been tryed, but in many a hard and cruell assault, he hath shewed himselfe a moste woorthie and courageous Captaine, inforcing his stoutest enimy to retire, or els to bide the brunt of his deadly blowes, vnto his immortal praise, & endles glory. He was borne in Hertford-shire, and for 9. yeeres hath beene & remained in the warres, seeking by vertue of swoord to win him honour and fame.

Then is there Captaine Morgan deseruing great praise for his prowes, and also Captaine Bannister in good credit and estimation.

Captaine Hauers likewise very wel thought of, and Captaine Huddy of no lesse account then the others.

Captaine Morrice the elder hath also continued in good credit.

Captaine Hammon, Captaine Lucar, and Captaine Tannor, all three worthie captaines, and such as haue & will spende both life and lande, for the honour of their Prince and country.

And according to the example of the reste, Captaine Androwes hath at no time spared his paine for the aduancement of his honor and credit.

Captaine Huntly in like manner hath not bene found inferiour to any of the aforenamed in declaring his good will. And captaine Price in the face of the enemie, hath at all times shewed himselfe of gallant courage & might.

Also to the vtter spoile of the Spaniards, y worthy man captaine Salisbury hath

hath full often bene found in the field.

Captaine Marchant in like maner for his approued deedes of armes hath purchased to himselfe the commendations both of friendes and foes.

And to make vp the number of thys gallant companie of courageous Captaines, captaine Lettelton is esteemed as one, who although hee be the last in number, yet is his faithful heart ready with the formost in anye maner of seruice, being by his iust desertes esteemed a most worthie man. And all these aforenamed being yet liuing, hath euermore made themselues worthie examples for others to followe the like valiaunte actes and honourable exploytes. And notwithstanding their great payne and trauell in defence of these countries, yet is their pay so slenderly performed that oftentimes they haue not wherewith to prouyde for their present necessities, whose want and neede is not vnknowne to many, and although they sustayne many a hard brunt, many a sharpe shower

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and manie a hungrie meale, yet will they not be found false to their frends, nor vnkinde to the Country, although pinching neede doth often times driue them thereunto, yet had they rather valiantly venter vpon their cruel foes, to pluck the bread out of their mouths, then contrariwise to become cruell to the Countrie, whose parte they take.

But if it should chance through their harde dealing with our Englishmen, that thereupon they should worthely leaue them to their owne defence, alas full soone would the enimie make a ioyfull tryumphe of their woefull Tragedie, then might the babe vnborne bewaile the losse of such a sort of valiant Captaines, who hath spente their blod for their benefite. If they should seeke for succour of other straunge nations, whose frendshippe is very fickle, then might they soone make account of their cursed estate. Therefore may they continually pray for the prosperitie & happie raigne of the good Queene of England, who hath alwaies beene their on-

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ly comfort in all calamitie, against all such spitefull enimies as do daily molest and invade the Country: against whom many of our worthie Captains haue withstood, vntill their hart bloods were shed on the colde ground. Whose names I haue thought also good to rehearse.

First Coronall Cotton, most valiantly, and like a hardy man of courage resisting the foe, after manie a cruell skirmish, and bloodie battell, and after he had giuen manie a man his deadlie wounde, hee was himselfe vnhappily slaine, to the great greefe of all his worthie companie, and the residue of his frends, and well willers. English Captains slaine.

Then Captaine Leggins in like maner fighting in fielde against his enimies, and putting many of them vnto deadly foyle, was at the last so greeuously wounded, that in the end he lost his life among them.

Likewise that hardie and courageous Captain M. Bingham, after manie a cruell conflicte, and bloodie broyle, wherein

wherein he had manfully declared his force against his foes, was at length laid in the dust by deathe: whose well approued deeds shall neuer dye so long as the world doth last.

Captain Palmer also was in Nonny fielde, moste worthely founde a right stought, and bould Champion, whiche had well shewed his seruice against the enemy, by whose force they were often constrained to flie the fielde, and hide their heades, for feare of his furie, and yet in the ende was most unfortunately slaine.

Also Captayne Chambernowne a hardy man of courage, was brought in battell to his vntimely end.

And in like sorte captaine Cobham by whome the enemy hadde receaued many a shrewde assault, and brought oftentymes to many a hard plunge, at last like a Lyon fighting among the thickest of them, he receaued his deadly wound.

Moreouer, captaine Marckham like a valiaunt souldiour among his deadly

lye foes fought so long, till it cost hym his deareſt blood.

And in like honourable ſorte dyd captayne Poole ſpende hys life to the great griefe of all his Souldiours and friendes.

And captaine Gill, whose welfare his foes coulde hardly affourd, by reaſon of his manhoode: was at laſt ſlaine in ſkirmiſh, to the reioycing of al thoſe that beforе had talked of his deedes.

Captaine Weedon alſo moſte manfully loſt his lyfe among them, of whoſe good ſeruice the Spanyardes are able to reporſ.

Likewiſe captaine Ion-s, after good ſeruice done of his ſide, did worthely end his life among them.

Alſo Captayne Corne, Captayne Floud, and Captayne Ellice to the hard eſcaping of ſome, and the deathe of a number was at length ſlaine in the field.

And Captaine Browne whoſe valientnes, and hardines of courage made ẏ enemie to muſe, at ẏ laſt, to the honor

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of his Cuntry, and his continuall commendations and credite, moſt valiantly ended his life in the warres.

Alſo there was ſlaine in ſundry ſkirmiſhes, theſe worthie and valiant men following: Captaine Almond, captain Woodſhawe, captaine Morehouſe, and captaine Blunt, whoſe loſſe Flaunders hath good cauſe to lament. Moreouer, Captaine Fitzwilliams, captaine Doyly, captaine Biſhop, captaine Cotton, captaine Chatterton, captaine Buckley captaine Carew, Captaine Hammon, captaine Morrice the younger, captain Morgan, Captaine Sutton, Captaine Aſhfeeld, Captaine Tatam, Captaine Chute, captaine Neuell, captaine Rogers, captaine Taylor, captain Edwards captaine Burley, captaine Bowes, and captaine Gamſfoorth.

All theſe notable and famous Captaines, ſo long as life indured, ſpared no paine nor trauell for the defence of the lowe countries, but like Lyons in the fielde, they enforced their foes to beare the brunt of their deadly blowes

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ſo that the ſpanyardes to their paine can repoꝛt, the inuincible courage of our engliſh men, whiche alwaies armed themſelues foꝛ the ſuccour of the pooꝛe diſtreſſed countrey of Flanders being neither pꝛocured thereunto by Lucar, wealth, oꝛ riches, but onely foꝛ the good deſire they haue foꝛ the maintenaunce of the trueth, in which cauſe they haue ſpent and loſt their liues.

There is alſo ſlaine of notable and woꝛthie Liefeteuants theſe following, Foſter, Harding, Turner, Smith, Chāberlaine, Dennis, Griffin, Harvie, Sāpſon, Long, Maſcoll, Chubbe, Dempſtere, Fowler, Rogers, Kitchin, Clipwell, Dawton, Allin, Walker, Corniſh, Drakes, Aſkew, and Horſey, all which ſince within theſe fewe yæres bare a goodly ſway in thoſe parts, whoſe loſſe is no ſmall græfe vnto all ſuch as were of their acquaintance, and kindꝛed. Neuertheleſſe, they died ſo honourable to their cuntrie, that thereby they haue purchaſed to them ſelues immoꝛtall fame, and endles gloꝛie. But as theſe

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before mentioned loſt their liues to the credite of their countrey, and the defence of the oppreſſed, without reſpect of pelfe and tranſitorie riches, ſo there are ſome whiche to the ſhame of themſelues, and the griefe of their countremen, to gaine the commoditie of corrupted coyne, hathe contrarie to naturall affection and without reſpect of their good name and their Countries credite, ſhewed themſelues faithleſſe to their friendes, and hathe taken part with the enemy: whoſe names to bring all other out of ſuſpecte, I will here declare.

Captains fled to the enemie.

Firſt Captaine Peggot, Captaine Smith, captaine Taylor, and captayne Vincent, captaine Welch, and captain Dethicke, all whiche are faultly fled to the enemie, bending their force againſt thoſe, which of right they ſhould defend as friendes, although they haue ſhewed themſelues profeſſed enemies, and againſt all conſcience drawing theyr ſwordes to cutte their countremens throates, ſuch is the crueltie of couetouſnes,

touſnes, that it ſpareth none for profit. And ſuche force hath the deſire of gaine in ſome mens heartes, that they will refuſe no fraude or deceite, that maye bring them any commodity, be the déed neuer ſo tretcherous, neuer ſo villainous, and neuer ſo cleane contrarie to conſcience, in ſo much that it hath cauſed ſome to betraye their owne Soueraigne Princes, to ſell their Countries, yea, father and frendes, and all for money.

May further, Couetouſnes was the cauſe that Iudas ſolde the Sauiour of the world, his owne déere maiſter into the handes of his enemies: and therefore Couetouſnes is iuſtlie called the roote of all miſchiefe.

But to leaue this matter, and ſomething to conſider the preſent eſtate of this wofull country, which hath béene ſo manye yeeres plagued with cruell warre, that ther is no place which hath béene frée from the enemy, wherby the people is brought in ſuche a caſe, that they knowe not where to remaine in

saftie. To daye they may bee in good estate, to morrow cleane vndone, their houses burned, and themselues inforced to flie for safegard of their liues: no man can sleep in saftie in his own bed, no man can inioy the fruite of his own labours, but all thinges in so great hazard of the enemy, that if they enioy one ioot thereof, it is more then they looke for, and not onely their goodes is in such sorte to be spoyled, but also themselues made as slaues, their wiues rauished, and their daughters defloured, and that many times before their face, which is no small griefe to behold.

And therefore howe muche are wee bound to our good God, which doth so blessedly keepe vs in peace, and so graciously defend vs: notwithstanding so many traiterous practises deuised against vs by moste lewd wretches, the consideration whereof may worthely moue vs vnto thankfulnesse with continuall prayses to his name, whiche is our only defendour against al our foes, and therwithall pray vnto his Maiesty

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for the prosperous Raigne of our most gracious Queene, by whose meanes we are so peaceably governed.

And thus I end, having shewed you truely all such captaines as are both liuing and dead, with the names of such as are gone to the contrarie parte, wishing all men to haue a regard both to their Countrey and credite, least with these fickle minded men, they worthely procure their perpetuall dishonour and endlesse shame, and wishing vnto the rest prosperous successe, and the victory ouer al their enemies.

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